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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIMIN SALEM

1. I MET WITH PRIMIN MAMDOUH SALEM TODAY TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROBLEMS WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN IDENTIFYING VIABLE PROJECTS. I GAVE HIM TABULAR BREAKDOWN OF US ASSISTANCE IN '75, PROPOSED '76, AND PROJECTED '77. IN DOING SO, I NOTED HOW NUMBER OF PROJECTS HAD CONSTRICTED FROM INITIAL '76 PLANNING TO WHAT IT IS TODAY. I POINTED OUT THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD-BE DONORS CONFRONT IN ABSENCE OF A CENTRALIZED GOE OFFICE HANDLING ALL OR MOST PROJECTS AS WELL AS FROM INSUFFICIENT OR TOTAL LACK OF PRELIMINARY STUDIES FOR MANY PROJECTS. WE HAD IN FACT ALLOTTED MONEY FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES, BUT THUS FAR ONLY A SMALL PORTION HAS BEEN USED. I ALSO GAVE HIM CHRONOLOGY OF LONG-DISCUSSED, BUT STILL PENDING SUEZ CANAL CEMENT PROJECT.

2. TO IMPRESS UPON PRIMIN SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR CONCERN, I REMINDED HIM THAT OUR PROJECTED '76 AND '77 AID PROGRAM FOR EGYPT WILL MAKE IT THE LARGEST SUCH PROGRAM SINCE THE MARSHALL PLAN. PROGRAM, BOTH IN CONCEPTION AND EXECUTION, WILL BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED BY THE CONGRESS TO ENSURE THAT AID

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FUNDS ARE PROPERLY UTILIZED. I WAS SURE HE SHARED

MY VIEW THAT IT MUST BE A MODEL PROGRAM AND ONE WHICH EFFECTIVELY DEMONSTRATES USG PURPOSE OF FURTHERING EGYPT'S SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I SOLICITED HIS PERSONAL INTEREST AND HELP IN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND PROGRAM EXECUTION.

3. PRIMIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG HELP AND INTEREST. HE AGREED PROGRAM SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND APOLOGIZED FOR PROJECT IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN. HE CONCEDED GOE IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT ITS ECONOMIC PLAN SHOULD BE. THERE HAD BEEN DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. HE HOPED THE LONG-PROMISED FIVE-YEAR PLAN WILL NOW BE APPROVED WITHIN GOE EXECUTIVE BY END OF MARCH. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY BY EARLY SEPTEMBER, HE WOULD ARRANGE TO SEND US A COPY IN MARCH IN THE HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT HELP US IN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION. HE ALSO UNDERTOOKK TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT IN THE CABINET TO ASSURE THAT ECONOMIC MINISTERS ARE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN.

4. WE AGREED TO MEET EVERY TWO OR THREE WEEKS TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON US ASSITANCE PROGRAM FOR EGYPT. SUCH MEETINGS, HE NOTED, WOULD ENABLE HIM TO TAKE TIMELY ACTION TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD.

5. COMMENT: PRIMIN INDICATED UNDERSTANDING. WHILE HE WAS CAUTIOUS IN COMMITTING HIMSELF, DOUBTLESS KNOWING AS HE DOES SLUGGISH EGYPTIAN CABINET SYSTEM, HE DID INDICATE PERSONAL INTEREST IN US-EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM AND A DESIRE TO HELP IT PROSPER. I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HIM AS APPROPRIATE.
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